10th September 1958]

Kanyakumari Devaswom Board

* 150 *Q*.—SRI T. T. DANIEL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the draft Bill for the constitution of the Devaswom Board for the Kanyakumari district sent by the State Government to the Central Government for their opinion has been received back; and

(*b*) when the Government propose to introduce the Bill?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) The Bill will be introduced in the House as soon as the concurrence of the Government of India to it is received.

Ceylon repatriates

* 150-A *Q*.—SRI M. S. SELVARAJAN, SRI A. VEDARATHNAM, SRI A. A. RASHEED, SRI S. B. ADITYAN, SRI P. G. MANICKAM, SRI N. K. PALANISAMI, SRI T. T. DANIEL, SRI K. VINAYAKAM AND SRI P. U. SHANMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Officer appointed to look after the repatriates from Ceylon has submitted his recommendations;

(*b*) if so, what his recommendations are;

(*c*) the action taken thereon;

(*d*) the number of persons who have returned from Ceylon to this State as a result of the recent internal disturbances there;

(*e*) the measures taken to rehabilitate them; and

(*f*) whether the Government have drawn the attention of the Central Government to the plight of Indians belonging to this State in Ceylon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) The Special Officer appointed to enquire into the conditions of the repatriates from Ceylon and suggest suitable measures for the rehabilitation, has submitted his recommendations to Government. A copy of his report[a] has already been placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) The recommendations made by the Special Officer are contained in the report referred to in the answer to the clause (*a*).

(*c*) With reference to the Special Officer's recommendation regarding relaxation of service rules, orders have been issued for relaxation of the relevant rules regarding educational qualification, age, etc., in deserving cases where a repatriate is found *prima facie* suitable for appointment. Some of the other recommendations have been dropped as not feasible while the rest are under examination in consultation with the authorities and departments concerned.

[a] Sent by post on the 11th June 1958.